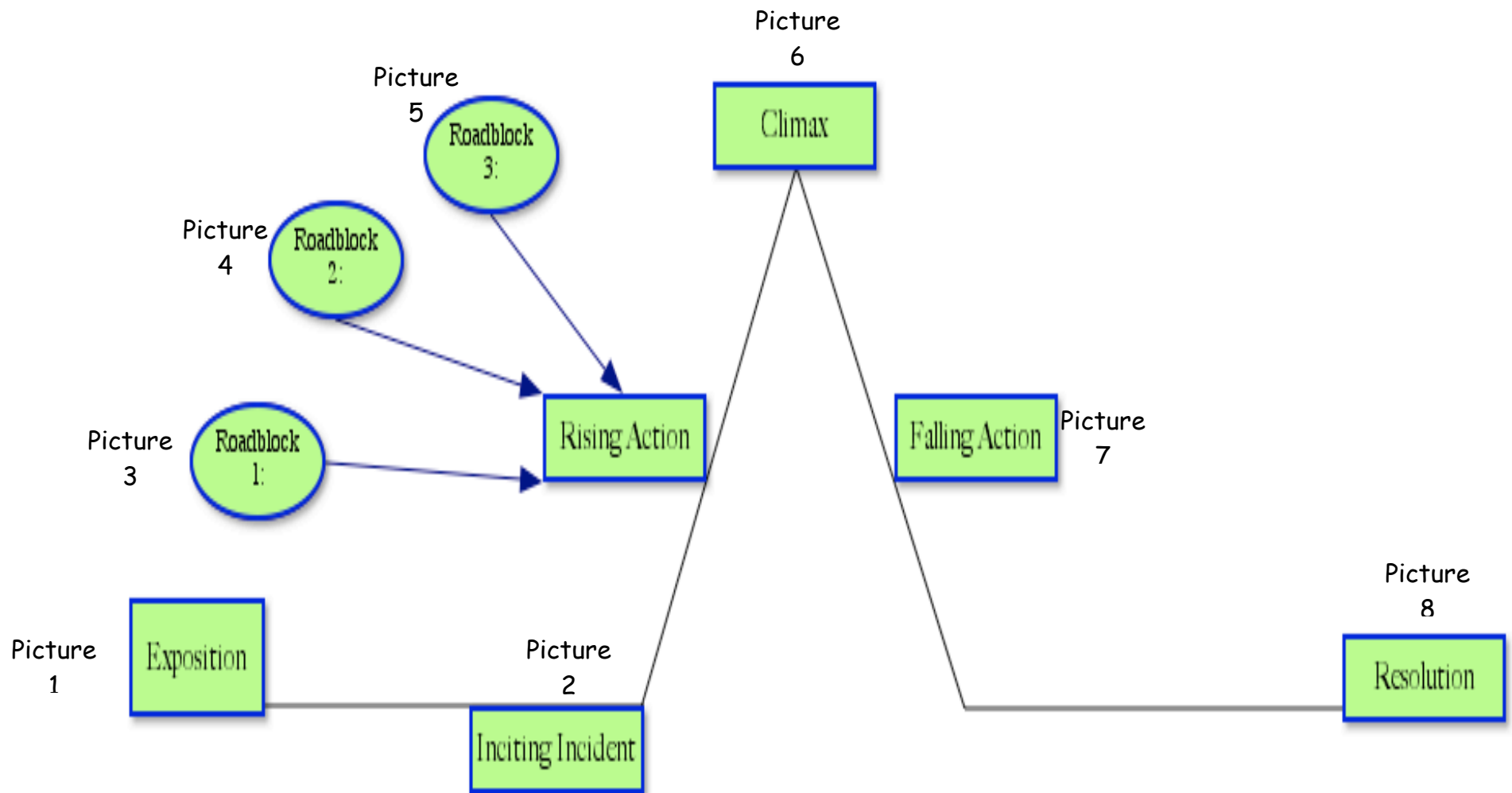


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# Plot Chart Diagram



## TERMS:

- ◆ **Plot** The sequence of events in a in a piece of literature.
  - **Exposition** Establishing the setting and the characters within the first paragraph of a short story. First chapter of a novel.
  - **Inciting Incident** Introduces the central conflict
  - **Rising Action** Events leading to the turning point in a short story
    - ♣ 3 Road Blocks: short little problems that thwart the main character
  - **Climax** The turning point in a short story
  - **Falling Action** The events after the turning point in the story
  - **Resolution** The end of the short story; the part of the story that goes "back to normal"
- ◆ **Setting** The time and place of the short story
- ◆ **Conflict** A struggle between opposing forces
  - **External Conflict** A struggle between opposing forces that occur on the outside of the character's body. (man vs. man).
  - **Internal Conflict** A struggle between opposing forces that occurs on the inside of the body (usually in the brain). (man vs. self)
- ◆ **Character** The people or animals that take part/action in a short story
- ◆ **Theme** The central message of a short story